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Student Nominations Sought for Eco-Art Contest

Program to recognize high school artists

Frankfort, Ky. (Nov. 21, 2013) — In its fifth year, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is soliciting nominations for the 2013–14 Eco-Art Contest. The contest provides an opportunity for students to gain statewide recognition for their artwork as it relates to Kentucky's environment. Used as a tool for environmental education, art supports DEP's mission to protect Kentucky's environment.

Multiple awards will be presented to eligible Kentucky high school students who create art using the contest themes or categories of conservation, pollution prevention and environmental protection. Students may submit artwork using the media types of drawing/painting/print, mixed media, sculpture and photographs, with one winner for each submitted art type within each category.

"The Eco-Art Contest is an opportunity for students to explore their thoughts, feelings and ideas about the environment around them. For the artist, the creative process can foster understanding and connection to our natural world, and we hope that the pieces they produce can help inspire and educate others about Kentucky's environment," said R. Bruce Scott, DEP commissioner.

Artwork from previous years' contest winners is displayed in the DEP Training Center in Frankfort, where it has been viewed by hundreds of visitors.

Contest nominations are being accepted until close of business Feb. 28, 2014. All nominations must be sent via email only to envhelp@ky.gov. A digital picture of each artwork nomination must accompany each form submitted. Eligible students include all students enrolled in Kentucky public and private high schools for the 2013–14 academic year. Winners will be notified in March, and winning entries will be displayed in the DEP Training Center at 300 Fair Oaks Lane.

For more information about the Eco-Art Contest and to access a nomination form, visit <http://dca.ky.gov/LGGS/Pages/ecoart.aspx> or call the Division of Compliance Assistance toll-free at 800-926-8111.

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